

OREGON NEEDS BETTER ROADS

Such Is Conclusion Reached by the Dealer Handling the Packard.

That Oregon is a wonderful state, that road improvement is badly needed on the main line of travel across the state and that good motor cars are desirable to negotiate them, are the conclusions reached by Frank C. Riggs, the Packard dealer in Portland. Mr. Riggs recently came to Portland direct from the Packard factory, where he occupied the position of assistant sales manager of the Packard Motor Car company.

With a view of obtaining a more comprehensive idea of his territory he sent a 1910 Packard "30" car through the state last week. The car was driven by Tom Fetech, who drove the first car across the American continent. This was in 1903 and the car was a single cylinder Packard. Tom has been driving Packards ever since, and the Glidden Tour this year missed his sappy smile for the first time. The other passengers were F. J. Raley, W. B. Fehheimer and D. M. Smith.

Three days with a little less than 20 hours of actual driving time were spent on the road to Medford, stopping half a day each at Eugene and Roseburg, with a couple of hours at Grants Pass. The trip of 313.8 miles was a delightful one, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, and the consequent dusty and cut up road conditions.

Inspect Fruit Section.

A couple of days were spent around Medford inspecting the wonderful fruit country, which to the eyes of the easterners in the party was wonderful indeed, and even the Oregonians had their eyes opened pretty wide.

Rising early Sunday morning, they proceeded to The Dalles, that they might get a glimpse of the Inland Empire.

There is a good deal of local interest about Medford in the automobile running time to Crater Lake and as a record run was consistent with their plans, the opportunity was accepted.

The start was made from the Nash hotel in Medford at 5:40 a. m. and the brink of the rim at Crater Lake was reached at 10:43, the elapsed time being five hours and three minutes. Stops aggregating 18 minutes were made, making the net running time 4 hours and 45 minutes for the 84 miles enab to an elevation of over 1900 feet. The most of the way is a narrow mountain road and to pass a team it was frequently necessary to back to a suitable place.

The valley of the Rogue river which is followed to Crater Lake has been termed by Joaquin Miller, "America's Italy." The river is a wild mountain stream, which, in at least one place, drops as much as 600 feet in a single mile. The power going to waste is enormous. The Oregon conservation commission has estimated the available power at over 400,000 horse power in considering only a few of the good power sites.

Beautiful Crater Lake.

The views at Crater Lake are beyond description; nothing in the world surpasses them. The lake surface itself is at an elevation of 6239 feet. Crater Lake is oval in form and about five and a half by five miles in size. The shores rise from 1000 to 2000 feet above the lake's surface and are so precipitous that from but one point can the water's edge be reached. At the brink one is above the snow line and the contrast of the deep indigo blue water and rocky shores is beautiful in the extreme.

Picture making and sightseeing occupied nearly three hours, but at 1:25 in the afternoon the start was made for Fort Klamath, a necessary detour toward the south to follow the only practical road across the Cascade mountains. At Fort Klamath a 30-minute stop was made for lunch and to refill the gasoline tank, which only narrow watching prevented being done with linsed oil. They were told that they might be able to spend the night at a ranch about 40 miles along the road and took a chance at arriving at Beaver Marsh ranch at 6:20 p. m. Here Mr. and

Mrs. Poole have a homestead pre-emption, with their nearest neighbor 25 miles away.

Perhaps one of their greatest annoyances is the fact that the school district is 84 miles long and 42 miles wide. Their 13-year-old daughter is taken to school in the fall and returns the following spring. Last winter this couple were alone and saw not a living soul for five months, nor had they any communication with the outside world, still they are waiting for the railroad, which, when it does come, will be but a couple of hundred yards from their house.

Ice in Early Morning.

At the elevation of 4280 feet the night was cold and fortunately the precaution was taken to drain the water circulating system. This was wisely done, as ice formed in the irrigation ditch during the night.

Leaving this hospitable couple at 5:40 a. m. no stop was made until Bend was reached at 11:30, although 18 miles was lost by getting on the road to Eugene, which if followed would have taken them again across the mountains.

At this sportsman's paradise lunch and gasoline were obtained, which consumed an hour, and a start was made for Shaniko on a 95-mile road over which all the goods consumed in Bend and vicinity are brought by freight wagons. At Shaniko more gasoline was obtained and although nearly 6 o'clock and 189 miles of hard traveling had already been accomplished since breakfast, the start was made for the 61-mile drive through the rough Deschutes canyon an dthat with nothing but oil lamps for light, as their gas supply was exhausted. Up and down hill six miles or more down grade to Sherar's bridge and about as much up and then to continue along a winding mountain road for 60 miles without headlights is no joke, especially at the end of a 250-mile day's trip, but they rolled into The Dalles at 9:40 with a good appetite for a late supper and a better idea of the state we live in than can be obtained in any other way.

CONTRACT LET FOR EPISCOPAL EXCAVATING

A contract has been let for the excavating for the Episcopal block on West Main street and work will start in the near future. Archdeacon Chambers, who has been in Medford raising funds for the work, has secured \$5000 out of the \$10,000 needed.

BARNUM'S LAST ALBINO DEAD IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 27.—Joseph Lucasa, the last member of the first family of Albinos to be exhibited in America, died at the general hospital here today. Lucasa and his parents and sister were brought to this country from Holland by P. T. Barnum. In recent years Lucasa was employed as cashier in a local restaurant.

PRACTICAL WORK IS BEING TAUGHT

There have been many improvements made in the high school this year, and not the least of these is the department of domestic science. It, together with the manual training department, gives the students opportunity to combine practical work with the theory they gain from books.

The domestic science department is situated in the south side of the basement of the high school building in a large airy room. In it there are two tables or cabinets which serve as a work bench, each of which accom-

modates ten students. There are 20 individual stoves, besides a large and convenient range. All the utensils used in practical housekeeping are supplied. Students are taught to cook, sew, wash and take care of dishes, and do many other useful things.

The manual training department is situated on the south side of the basement. In the room there are ten benches, each of which may accommodate two students. The first work is to learn to plane a surface, and this work has already been mastered by the students. Many useful things will be made during the course, and the students get these things by paying for the lumber used in making them. There are two long drawing tables which the pupils will use in drawing plans.

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